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1. The airfield was located just northeast of Szentkiralyssabadja (P 48/178) and extended in a length of 2.5 km toward the northeast as far as a wood. All the buildings were located on the eastern edge of the field. In the spring of 1942, 6 to 8 mid-wing jet aircraft with considerably swept-back wings, one jet engine in the fuselage and the Soviet nationality markings were repeatedly observed there. In favorable weather, the aircraft daily practiced flying mostly in formations of four in echelon to the right or left. Occasionally, flights were made in elements of two.
2. The airfield northeast of Szentkiralyssabadja extended about 2.5 km from northeast to southwest and 1 to 1.5 km from southeast to northwest. In March 1952, the entire landing field was covered with grass. No concrete runway was observed. Some hangars and the contours of some buildings were seen along the northern and eastern edges of the field which bordered on a wood. Soviet sentries armed with submachine guns and some canvas-covered trucks were observed along the western section of the field. Three jet aircraft were once observed along the western edge. An estimated 50 jet aircraft parked in two rows and of each other were seen in front of the hangars along the eastern edge of the field. All of the jet aircraft observed at the field were monoplane and of the same type.

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Comment. In March 1952, Szentkiralyssabadja airfield had been occupied by two bomber regiments of the Fifty-fifth Air Army equipped with Pe-2s. According to the present report, field is still used. indicates that about two fighter regiments are stationed at the field. Further reports are required to determine whether the fighter units are stationed at the field either permanently or temporarily.

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